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**FOUNDATIONS UNITE TO PROVIDE FREE HEART SCREENINGS
FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA**

Kansas City, MO - July 6, 2018 - Cornerstones of Care is pleased to partner with Athletic Testing Solutions, the Jordan Robert Mann Foundation and Strive for Life Foundation to provide free ATS HeartCheck screenings to children in 24/7 therapeutic residential care. The event will take place on July 9 - 10 at 5:00 p.m. on the Cornerstones of Care - Ozanam Campus.



Children enter 24/7 therapeutic residential care when they are no longer able to safely remain at home. Many children are in state custody and some are navigating mental health challenges. It's an unfortunate, yet well known fact that children in foster care experience gaps in healthcare services due to changes in placements. Plus, children who have experienced chronic stress due to trauma are more likely to develop physical health concerns. "Partnerships like these are critical to the ongoing physical health of children; especially children in foster care. When we work together, we can keep more children safe and healthy," says Denise Cross, president and CEO of Cornerstones of Care.



"Providing the ATS HeartCheck is part of ATS's ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of the children and families in our community," says David Kuluva with ATS. "To date, more than 7,500 children have been impacted as a result of investments from nonprofit organizations that allow us to offer our sustainable, measurable heart screening programs while promoting research to validate outcomes."



The screenings are made possible to children served by Cornerstones of Care through generous funding by the Jordan Robert Mann Foundation and Strive for Life Foundation and ATS. Caregivers of more than 30 children have given consent for youth to receive the screening. The 30-minute exam includes a Blue Pressure Monitor, Electrocardiogram (EKG) and Echocardiogram (heart ultrasound) and will be administered by local medical professionals certified in congenital genetic heart conditions.

Event Details:

What: ATS HeartCheck Screenings for 30+ Children
When: July 9 - 10, 2018 at 5:00pm
Where: Cornerstones of Care - Ozanam Campus
421 E 137th Street, Kansas City, MO 64145

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About Cornerstones of Care:

Cornerstones of Care has a long legacy of partnering with children and families to create safe and healthy communities. It serves more than 10,000 children and families through education, mental & behavioral health, foster care & adoption, youth & family support, and community trainings in Kansas, Missouri and beyond. For more information, visit cornerstonesofcare.org.